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**State Agricultural Development Board Approves \$26,000 for Taylor County High School Agriculture Department Greenhouse**

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Paul Patton, voted today to approve a \$26,000 grant to expand the greenhouse facility at Taylor County High School. The project will allow agriculture instructors to train future farmers in greenhouse alternatives, management, hydroponics, bedding plant production, and seedling development. The application was reviewed by the Taylor County Agricultural Development Council and forwarded to the state board as a high priority item. Funds come from the approximately \$530,000 set aside for Taylor County in the Agricultural Development Fund established with half of Kentucky's tobacco settlement proceeds.

Governor Patton praised the Board's action to boost the efforts of Taylor County young people interested in agriculture.

"This action means that the young people of Taylor County will have expanded opportunities to learn about career options in agriculture other than tobacco. This is an investment in the future of Kentucky agriculture, the future of our rural communities, and in diversification efforts in one of our state's most progressive agricultural counties," said Governor Paul Patton.

The award was made as one of 23 projects approved by the Board during its meeting today. The Board approved a total of \$593,423 in state level projects, and \$1,265,877 in a variety of county-level programs, including the Taylor County High School Agriculture Department greenhouse.